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SUBJECT: CORRECTED COPY - JERUSALEM MEDIA REACTION (06/23): POSITIVE
REACTION TO FAYYAD'S SPEECH

Main Stories:

Palestinian print coverage of Palestinian Authority Premier Fayyad's June 22 speech is neutral in tone, with Al-Ayyam and Al-Hayat Al-Jadida running the full text of the speech and Al-Quds' front page running extensive excerpts. Al-Hayat Al-Jadida leads with the speech, delivered at Al Quds University in Abu Dis, in which Fayyad called on Palestinians to unite and urged them to support the establishment of the Palestinian state and the promotion of good governance and institution building. Fayyad identified his policy goal as the creation of a Palestinian state in the next two years, a state living beside Israel in a "comprehensive peace," according to coverage. Fayyad considered Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's June 14 speech as vague and lacking in commitment to the two-state solution.

Al-Quds' continues to lead with wire coverage of unrest in Iran.

Al-Quds' front page reports on the opening of all of Gaza's commercial crossing points on June 22 by the Israeli Government for three days, to allow "aid materials" into the Strip.

Al-Ayyam's front page includes a report of attacks on Palestinians by Israeli settlers in the West Bank. The settlers are also reported to have confiscated more than 10 acres of land in Nahallin village in the Bethlehem area on June 22, "under the protection of" Israeli soldiers.

Al-Ayyam's front-page includes recent developments in the prisoners' exchange between Israel and Hamas. According to reports, the Israeli Government has submitted a new proposal to the Egyptians that aims at concluding the prisoners' exchange between Hamas and

Israel. Israel will release 1,000 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for the release of Israeli soldier Shalit, according to reporting.

Al-Quds' front page includes wire reports of Palestinian Authority President (PA) Abbas' decision to release most of the Hamas detainees currently in PA detention centers within twenty-four hours, as a good will gesture ahead of national unity talks.

Al-Quds' front page also includes a report of the meeting between King Abdullah of Jordan and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown (June 22). It is reported that King Abdullah stated to Brown that Israel must stop all "provocative measures" that jeopardize a peace agreement and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

King Abdullah urged the international community to take serious measures in support of a regional peace and the establishment of a Palestinian state.

BLOCK QUOTES:

1) Hafith Al-Barghuti opines in Al-Hayat Al-Jadida official daily under the title, "The speech of Bar Ilan, the speech of Al-Quds", (06/23): " It is obvious from the location that Prime Minister Fayyad chose for his speech that he believes that Jerusalem is the capital of the Palestinian state... Fayyad seemed optimistic in his tone about the capabilities of the PA to lead a state... unlike Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu who does not seem ready to believe in a Palestinian state."

2) Al-Quds independent daily runs an editorial under the title, "Dr. Salam Fayyad's speech," (06/23): "The speech was rational and

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comprehensive... it provided a clear description of the current situation in the Palestinian Territories and motivates all parties to reach a settlement that will end the conflict... The speech stressed that the Palestinian Authority is the sole representative of the Palestinian people and is in charge of enforcing law and order."

3) Hilmi Al-Ghul opines in Al-Hayat Al-Jadida official daily under the title, "What distinguishes Fayyad's speech," (06/23): "Although the speech was meant to present the new [PA] government's agenda, it was basically a reaction to Netanyahu's statements and perceptions about the Israeli Palestinian conflict... having Premier Fayyad present the official Palestinian reaction to these statements clearly reflects how much this man is trusted by the Palestinian leadership and conveys a firm message to all parties who try to undermine his authority."

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